YOU DON'T NEED THOSE SHOES.
WHY ARE WE HERE? YOU DON'T EVEN WEAR SHOES.
KILL them WITH KINDNESS
a SKIN DEEP STORY
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WELL, NOW I'M GOING TO GO TRY THEM ON JUST TO SPITE YOU, SCAMP.
IKE SANFORD
BUGGANE/MANTICORE CROSSBREED
(DOESN'T WANT TO BE HERE)
RHONDA PHELTON
BOHEMIAN LION
(DOING THIS ON PURPOSE)

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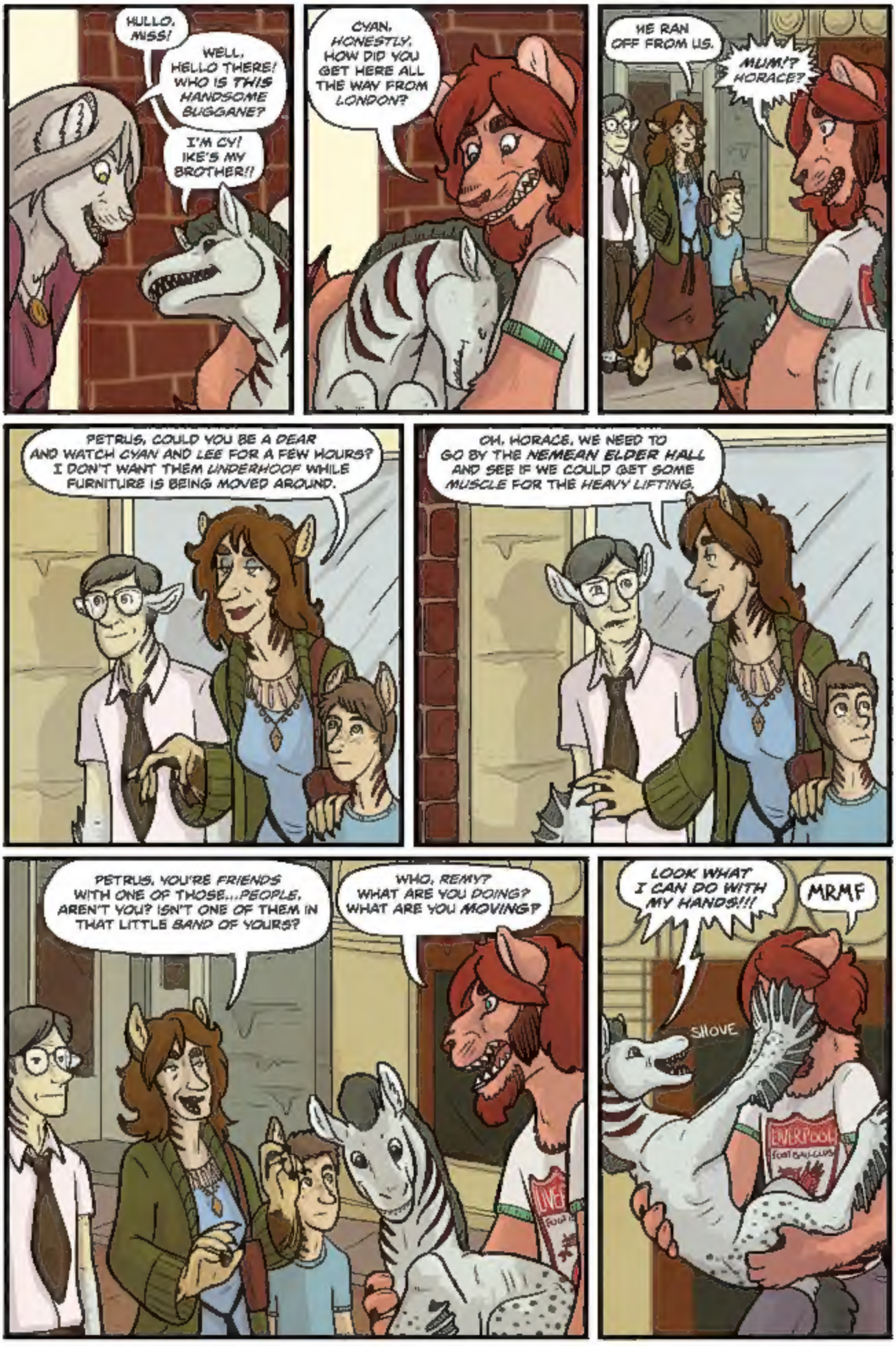
HULLO, MISS!
WELL, HELLO THERE! WHO IS THIS HANDSOME BUGGANE?
I'M CY! IKE'S MY BROTHER!!
CYAN, HONESTLY, HOW DID YOU GET HERE ALL THE WAY FROM LONDON?
HE RAN OFF FROM US.
MUM!? HORACE?
PETRUS, COULD YOU BE A DEAR AND WATCH CYAN AND LEE FOR A FEW HOURS? I DON'T WANT THEM UNDERHOOF WHILE FURNITURE IS BEING MOVED AROUND.
OH, HORACE. WE NEED TO GO BY THE NEMEAN ELDER HALL AND SEE IF WE COULD GET SOME MUSCLE FOR THE HEAVY LIFTING.
PETRUS, YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH ONE OF THOSE...PEOPLE, AREN'T YOU? ISN'T ONE OF THEM IN THAT LITTLE BAND OF YOURS?
WHO, REMY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHAT ARE YOU MOVING?
LOOK WHAT I CAN DO WITH MY HANDS!!!
MRMF
SHOVE
LIVERPOOL

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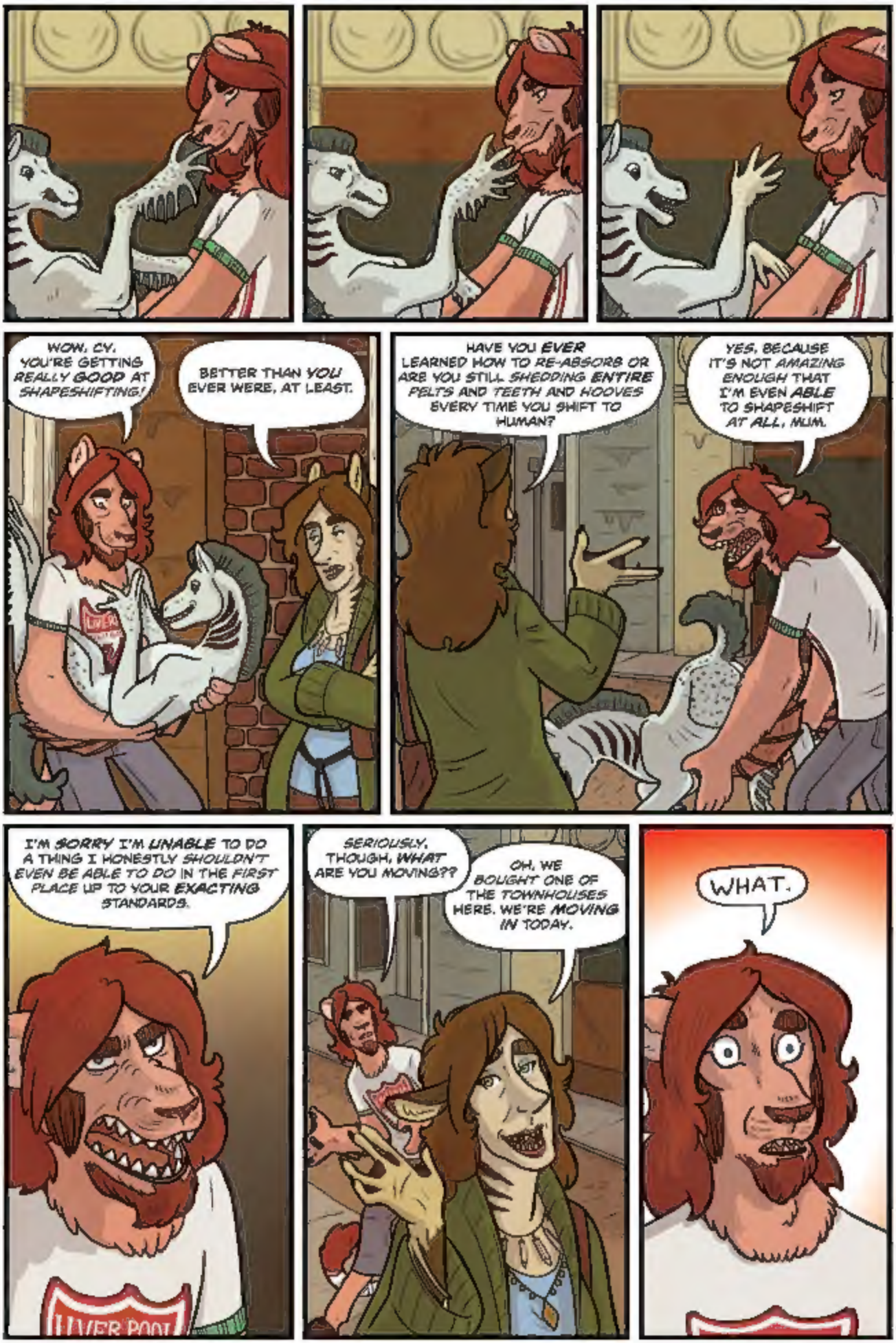
WOW, CY. YOU'RE GETTING REALLY GOOD AT SHAPESHIFTING!
BETTER THAN YOU EVER WERE, AT LEAST.
HAVE YOU EVER LEARNED HOW TO RE-ABSORB OR ARE YOU STILL SHEDDING ENTIRE PELTS AND TEETH AND HOOVES EVERY TIME YOU SHIFT TO HUMAN?
YES, BECAUSE IT'S NOT AMAZING ENOUGH THAT I'M EVEN ABLE TO SHAPESHIFT AT ALL, MUM.
I'M SORRY I'M UNABLE TO DO A THING I HONESTLY SHOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO DO IN THE FIRST PLACE UP TO YOUR EXACTING STANDARDS.
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT ARE YOU MOVING??
OH, WE BOUGHT ONE OF THE TOWNHOUSES HERE. WE'RE MOVING IN TODAY.
WHAT.

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WELL, DARLING, WE HAVEN'T BEEN HIDING COMPLETELY AS HUMAN SINCE YOUR... "ACCIDENT" AND YOU KNOW THE SORRY STATE THE LONDON AVALON IS IN.
CY AND LEE NEED TO GROW UP WITH THEIR OWN KIND, WITH MORE CULTURE.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO KNOW THIS BEFORE RIGHT NOW!
CHRIST, MUM, YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE, PETRUS! HOW DARE YOU TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT DO!
YOU UNGRATEFUL-
THIS IS WHY I LEFT LONDON IN THE FIRST PLACE!
SORRY, ISAAC. I TRIED TO CALL AND LET YOU KNOW, BUT-
DO NOT MAKE ME THE ENEMY, HORACE. PETRUS-
I HAVEN'T BEEN "PETRUS" SINCE I WAS THIRTEEN! FOR THE LAST TIME, IT'S IKE.
OH, BUT HONEY, PETRUS IS SUCH A PRETTY NAME.
YOU NAMED ME "ROCK."
A FITTING, PROPER, BUGGANE NAME!

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IKE, DON'T YOU WANT US AROUND?
NO, CY, I DON'T MEAN THAT. IT'S JUST---
CAN WE GO TO THE TOY STORE?
MAYBE LATER, MATE.
AND WHO IS THIS, DEAR? I THOUGHT I RAISED YOU WITH BETTER MANNERS THAN THIS, PETRUS.
MUM, THIS IS RHONDA. RHONDA, THIS IS MY MUM.
WHO I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT.
PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MRS. SANFORD. I WAS HOPING TO MEET YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND SOME DAY.
RHONDA, NOW IS NOT THE BEST TIME...
AND WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO MEET ME, CHILD?

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WELL, I ALWAYS LIKE TO MEET MY BOYFRIEND'S PARENTS AT SOME POINT IN THE RELATIONSHIP. IT'S ONLY PROPER, DON'T YOU AGREE?
RHONDA, PLEASE. NOT NOW.
YOUR WHAT?
PETRUS, DEAR, PLEASE DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH THIS...FELINE.
I'M SORRY?
WELL, I MEAN, YEAH, I GUESS. WE'VE BEEN...WE'VE BEEN SEEING EACH OTHER FOR A BIT...
AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME? PETRUS, LOVE, THIS WILL NEVER DO. IT WON'T DO AT ALL.
WHY DON'T YOU FIND YOURSELF A NICE BUSGANE GIRL?
I KNOW YOU'RE HIDEOUS, BUT YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN LOOK PAST THAT, I'M SURE.
LYNN. DEAR.
I'M SORRY, MS. RHONDA, I'M HAPPY TO SEE IKE HAS FOUND SOMEONE SO LOVELY.

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YOUR SON ISN'T HIDEOUS, MRS. SANFORD. I HAPPEN TO THINK HE'S QUITE HANDSOM--
SEE, THIS IS WHY I DIDN'T TELL YOU, MUM! YOU'RE SUCH A RACIST!
NOW IKE, I DON'T THINK--
SANFORDS ARE A PROUD BUGGANE FAMILY, PETRUS. YOU CANNOT JUST POLLUTE OUR NAME WITH FELINE RIFF-RAFF.
OH, HOW I HAVE MISSED THE SOOTHING SOUND OF YOUR RAMPANT HYPOCRISY!
AND WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
FOR CHRISSAKES, MUM, LOOK AT ME!
THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, HORSES DON'T LOOK LIKE THIS!
FINE, FINE. I'LL TAKE CY AND LEE, IF ONLY TO GET THEM OUT OF YOUR CLUTCHES FOR AN AFTERNOON.
DON'T TAKE THAT TONE OF VOICE WITH ME, YOUNG MAN!

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IF I HAD KNOWN YOUR FATHER WAS A MANTICORE I WOULD HAVE NEVER--
LYNN, DEAR! WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET OVER TO THE NEMEAN HALL BEFORE THEY RUN OUT OF LIONS.
DON'T TAKE HIS SIDE ON THIS, HORACE. HE'S NOT YOUR SON.
YES, I KNOW, LOVE.
CY, LEE, DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE TOY STORE?
YES! YES YES YES YES YES YES YES YES!
SURE, I GUESS.
OKAY, BYE MUM! WE'RE LEAVING AND WE'RE NEVER COMING BACK!
EYEROOLLL
I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET, YOUNG MAN!
LIVERPOOL

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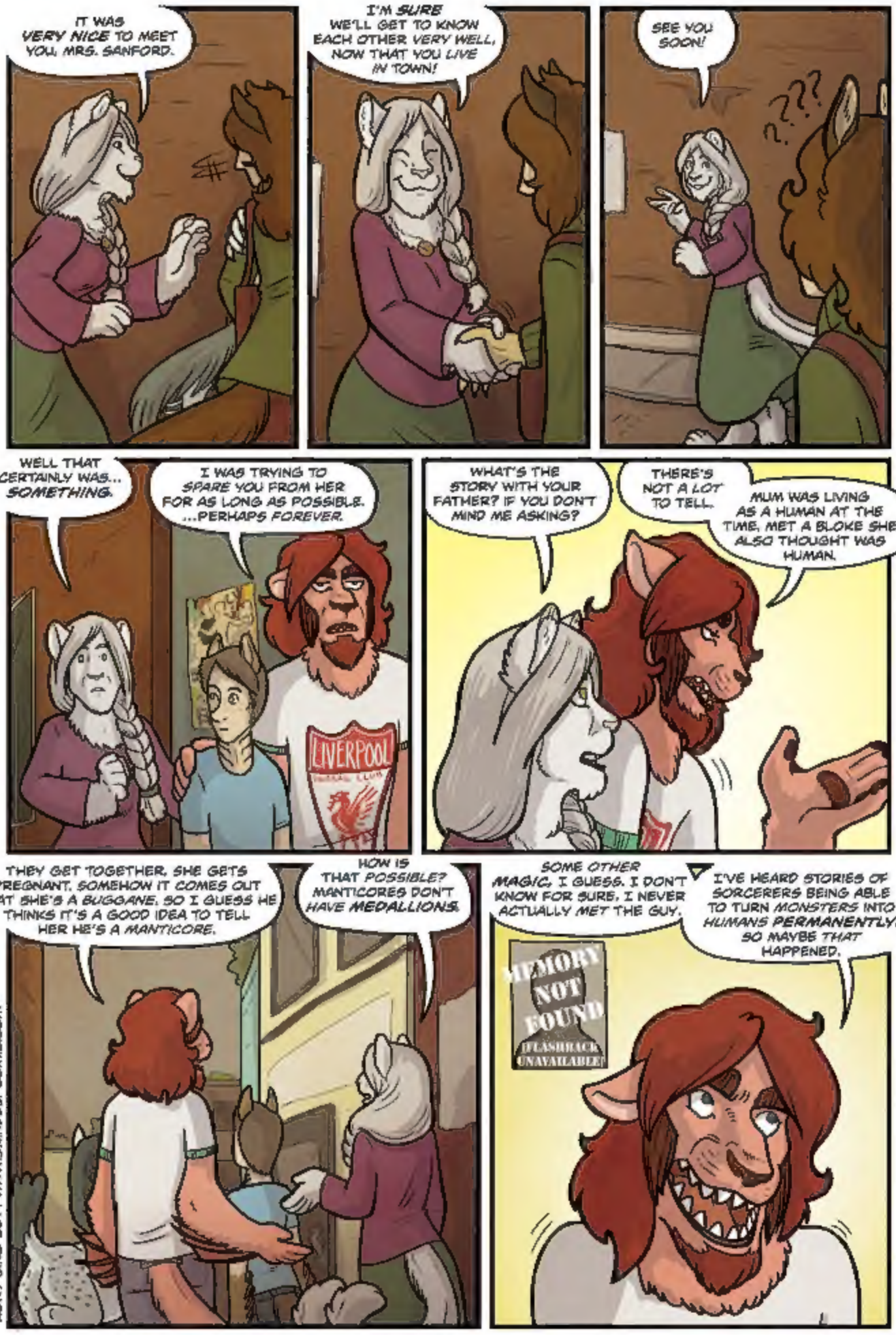
IT WAS VERY NICE TO MEET YOU, MRS. SANFORD.
I'M SURE WE'LL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER VERY WELL, NOW THAT YOU LIVE IN TOWN!
SEE YOU SOON!
???
WELL THAT CERTAINLY WAS... SOMETHING.
I WAS TRYING TO SPARE YOU FROM HER FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. ...PERHAPS FOREVER.
LIVERPOOL
WHAT'S THE STORY WITH YOUR FATHER? IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING?
THERE'S NOT A LOT TO TELL.
MUM WAS LIVING AS A HUMAN AT THE TIME, MET A BLOKE SHE ALSO THOUGHT WAS HUMAN.
THEY GET TOGETHER, SHE GETS PREGNANT, SOMEHOW IT COMES OUT THAT SHE'S A BUGBANE, SO I GUESS HE THINKS IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO TELL HER HE'S A MANTICORE.
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? MANTICORES DON'T HAVE MEDALLIONS.
SOME OTHER MAGIC, I GUESS. I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. I NEVER ACTUALLY MET THE GUY.
I'VE HEARD STORIES OF SORCERERS BEING ABLE TO TURN MONSTERS INTO HUMANS PERMANENTLY. SO MAYBE THAT HAPPENED.
MEMORY NOT FOUND
[FLASHBACK UNAVAILABLE]
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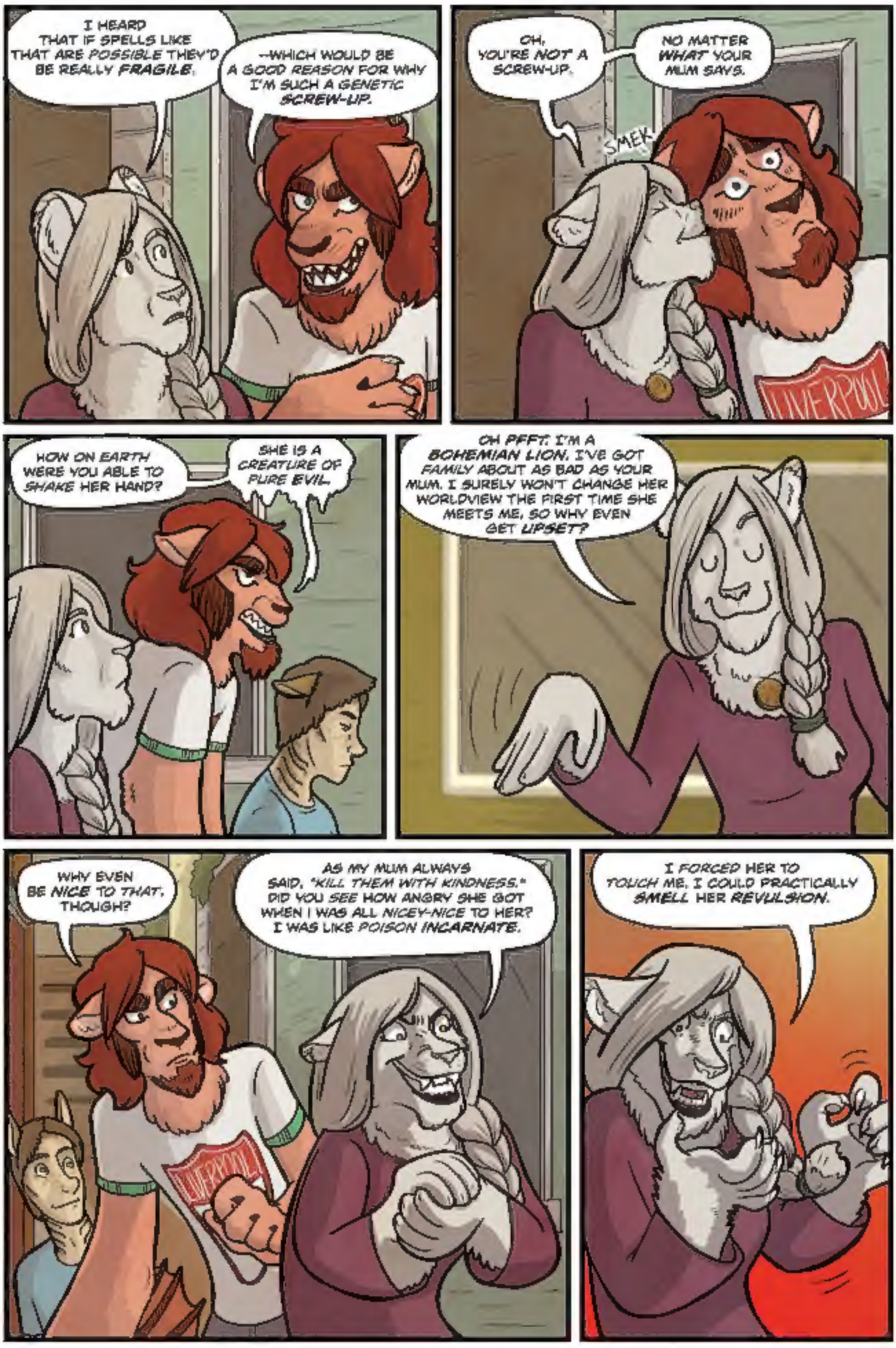
I HEARD THAT IF SPELLS LIKE THAT ARE POSSIBLE THEY'D BE REALLY FRAGILE.
--WHICH WOULD BE A GOOD REASON FOR WHY I'M SUCH A GENETIC SCREW-UP.
OH, YOU'RE NOT A SCREW-UP.
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR MUM SAYS.
SMEK
HOW ON EARTH WERE YOU ABLE TO SHAKE HER HAND?
SHE IS A CREATURE OF PURE EVIL.
OH PFFT. I'M A BOHEMIAN LION. I'VE GOT FAMILY ABOUT AS BAD AS YOUR MUM. I SURELY WON'T CHANGE HER WORLDVIEW THE FIRST TIME SHE MEETS ME, SO WHY EVEN GET UPSET?
WHY EVEN BE NICE TO THAT, THOUGH?
AS MY MUM ALWAYS SAID, "KILL THEM WITH KINDNESS." DID YOU SEE HOW ANGRY SHE GOT WHEN I WAS ALL NICEY-NICE TO HER? I WAS LIKE POISON INCARNATE.
I FORCED HER TO TOUCH ME. I COULD PRACTICALLY SMELL HER REVULSION.

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DO I NEED TO GIVE YOU A MOMENT ALONE?
HOLD ON, I'M STILL FEEDING OFF HER PURE HATRED.
IT GIVES ME SUSTENANCE.
I KNEW THERE WAS A REASON I'M DATING YOU.
OH PLEASE, "PETRUS," WE'RE DATING BECAUSE I PUT YOU IN A HEADLOCK UNTIL YOU SAID "YES."
NOW WHAT IS THIS ABOUT YOU SHEDDING ENTIRE BODY PARTS WHEN YOU SHAPESHIFT?
LET'S NOT RUIN THE MOMENT.
SALE
THE END!
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